The Way to be a WITNESS!

TO HELP YOU SPEAK OUT!

Why share my faith?
If we are to be like Jesus, we too must set out to "seek and to save the lost". Witnessing can not only be a blessing to others but can also enliven our own work and worship.

How do I start?
Where people are! Do not despise trivial conversation about the weather, it can produce an opening to a deep spiritual conversation. Try to guage a person's thoughts and concerns. Start there and ask God, the Holy Spirit, to lead the discussion.

A Prayer in Preparation.
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me,
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me,
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

My message — Jesus Christ
Who cleanses me and turns me away from every sin immediately they are confessed to Him. Who transforms my old nature. Who guarantees me eternal life. Who gives me the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen my faith.

My approach
Believing that God can use me. Depending upon the Holy Spirit's leading. Aware of the serious implications of faith in Christ -or lack of it.

What about Tracts?
Use them like visiting cards. To a stranger say "Would you like a Christian tract?" Do not be offended if refused. Be polite and courteous at all times.

Choose a Christian friend with whom to share this exercise. Below are a number of "classic approaches" to the Christian Faith. Ask your friend to adopt one and then open a conversation with the object of discovering which approach they have chosen.

1. I don't have to go to church to be a Christian.
2. An invalid who complains bitterly about God's injustice.
3. A talkative teenager who loves animals and sees God's hand in creation.
4. Enthusiastic supporter of a strange sect, who has no knowledge of a personal Lord but relies heavily upon his elders for teaching.

SOME DO'S

- Be flexible in one's approach, being prepared to make a fool of oneself initially.
- Carefully read beforehand any literature you intend to use.

SOME DONT'S

- DON'T say "Are you a Christian?" Almost everyone will answer "yes" leaving you floored. Find out in other ways whether they are or not.
- DON'T argue. You may win the argument but lose the person.

REFLECTION

JESUS CENTRED

Ideally the qualities of Jesus ought to flow out from every Christian. Are we known as His people?

"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." 2 Cor. 5:20

"Through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere." 2 Cor. 2:14

For Further Reading

"Bringing Others to Christ"
"Personal Evangelism"
"A Point of Encounter"
All by Christian Advance Publications.

"The Art of Tract Distribution"
"Two Ways to Live"
"Four Spiritual Laws"
"Knowing God Personally"

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The BIBLE - Living Word of God

or just an Old Book?

What the Archbishops say:
"The Bible is God's Book: it is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God. If we are to learn His will, we must read His Book prayerfully."
"A Short Guide to Church Membership"
- The Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Beware of Bible Dipping!
One New Year's Eve, so the story goes, a certain person opened the Bible at random and placed his finger on the page..."Then Judas...went and hanged himself" he read. Thinking that this was not the sort of omen he had expected, he tried again...it read "Go, and do thou likewise!"

Questions of Criticism in the Quiet Time
"Questions of criticism, textual or otherwise, do not enter into my mind any more than questions of chemical analysis trouble me when I eat my dinner. - Samuel Chadwick

Listen to the Truth from the Book
An American soldier asked a prisoner of war, shortly after his release, "How did you manage to keep sane?" The man took down a book from the shelf and replied, "We listened to the truth from the book". Puzzled, the American opened it - to find a raio inside!

Why read the Bible?
"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30,1

A Prayer before you read
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God Thy will to see, Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.
C.F. Scott & F.P. Morris

In your group or in smaller groups, discuss any or all of the following:

Read Hebrews 4:11-16.
What does this passage indicate about God's understanding of me?

Read Corinthians 11:23-34.
What does this passage tell me about an attitude to worship?

Read 1 Corintnians 12:31-13:8a.
What are the everyday situations where this passage is difficult to apply?

Hints to Young Christians

"If you're lazy, read James. If your faith is below par, read Paul. If you're impatient, consider the Book of Job. If you're a little strongheaded, go and see Moses. If you're getting weak-kneed, have a look at Elijah. If there's no song in your heart, listen to David. If you feel spiritually chilly, get the beloved John to put his arms around you; and if you're losing sight of the future, climb to Revelation and get a glimpse of Heaven!" - Dr. O.T. Gifford

The Founder's Bible

"Somewhere on a top shelf, covered with dust, was a Bible given to him twenty years before by his grandmother. Its brass clasp had not been disturbed for many a long day. When he took the book down, in his new found joy, this brass clasp fell off, probably through damp or decay. In the little incident he saw an illustration of the change that had come over him. Now the day had come when the clasp (like his love of money) should fall away at the Divine touch, and no longer shut him from the everlasting treasures."
"Wilson Carlile and the Church Army", A.E. Reffold, Chapter 3.

REFLECTION

THE WORD...

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small; Though with patience he stands waiting. with exactness grinds he all."
H.W. Longfellow 1807-1882

"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirt, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Heb. 4:12 RSV

FOR FURTHER READING:
Daily Notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship, Scripture Union.
"The Bible" A Christian Advance Leaflet
"Every Man A Bible Student" by J.E. Church, (C.M.S.)
"Understanding God's Word" by A.M. Stibbs, (I.V.F.)
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STAFF NEWS

BIRTHS:

Ross and Fiona Sandon—a daughter, Rebecca Louise, born August 12th. Everybody well.

Peter and Gwen Adkins—a son, Joshua David, born October 15th.

MARRIAGE:

Captain John Stanley and Allison Turbett at St. John's Darlinghurst on September 23rd.

FIELD APPOINTMENTS:

Captain Guy Davidson to Trinity School Cairns as School Evangelist.

Captain Jack Harradine to Aboriginal Settlement of Woorabinda (Qld.) as Youth Officer.

MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCH ARMY

Would you like to be a member of our Society?

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THIRDLY—INTEREST IN CHURCH ARMY'S WORK: We hope to arrange some gatherings for interest and prayer in an area near you. As a member of the Society you will be kept informed of our work and be able to encourage others to join.

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FIELD NEWS

CONRAD PARSONS—MASCOT/BOTANY PARISH

Two years ago I read a description of the task in the Parish of Botany/Mascot/ Eastlakes and I recognised that this was the kind of work that I had joined Church Army to do. It was largely pioneering in an area that once had a full church and was now discouraged from so many changes to the community.

My main responsibilities here are amongst the young people and so I have been applying my college learning to this age group. The immediate need was to disciple a core of young Christians and so I began a Tuesday night "Flight School".

I noticed that although the youth fellowship group had always been popular, it was having no lasting affect. Teenagers were not brought into the life of the Church so the next step was to get this happening. Since last year, the Sunday evening service has grown from 4 to between 18 and 25 teenagers.

The deregulation of the Friday night youth fellowship has been a difficult project. To move people into Church from the youth group and onto discipleship at Flight School has meant that many changes have been necessary. We have made Friday nights like a fishing ground for new believers rather than a stagnant pool of inoculated sinners. I have increased the number of leaders from 2 to 5 adding a bigger Christian presence to the core of young Christians. I reduced the age range attending and set up a new social group called the "Underground". This group is for older teenagers who miss "the net" and enables us to have contact with their friends also.

Apart from the Youth Group, Flight School and Underground, my main activities are teaching in schools and visiting. I lead the Sunday evening service and occasionally preach in the mornings. My profile in the community is good because of the High Schools, my involvement in Meals on Wheels and being an official guest at our very frequent Nationalisation Ceremonies for new Australians.

SISTER JANE HENRY
PARISH OF LEICHHARDT, SYDNEY

I have often wondered if ignorance is such a bad thing? In some ways, I can see it is and in others perhaps it is a safeguard.

Being ignorant, sometimes means I have no preconceived ideas about a certain subject or situation. I enjoy it when I sit down with God and He shows me the point of a lesson He has been trying to teach me that breaks through yet another ignorance I have held in my relationship with Him. Recently I sat down to contemplate my journey thus far with Church Army, the parishes I've been in and the lessons God has taught, I can remember many instances where I was glad of my ignorance toward fulltime ministry when I began. I often wonder if I still would have jumped as readily to follow Christ, if I knew what I do now, and how hard some lessons need to be taught. (I guess I'm a slow learner, or hard of hearing!).

But looking back, I would have to say IT'S ALL WORTH IT as Christ develops my character and fruits of His spirit within my personality. I know full well I would have remained unchanged if I'd kept in my safer environment of secular employment where I confess I used my Christianity part-time.

At present I minister with Rev. Ron McKinney and the people of the parish of All Souls' at Leichhardt in the inner suburbs of Sydney. I delight in being able to say that all the parishioners truly have a living faith, and know Jesus intimately. It is a small congregation of about 80 (divided into two services) but most people come to Church twice on Sunday instead of only once, which means two separate sermons/week if it's your turn to preach. Most of the congregation is elderly and many are frail so it is difficult to find people to train up as leaders and many are too tired to evangelise (but can they PRAY!). So I have turned most of my visiting time to outreach to the community, using baptismal follow ups and from other people; I have made in roads into the local housing commission areas.

One particular area is almost the crime capital of Sydney where without much effort you can score any drug you like or any stolen articles. One family I work with have daughters on heroin, with defacto husbands in prison, a son drowned in an epileptic fit, the father was ironbarred in a fight (hit on the head), has a brain age of 12, the wife and mother is a white witch. How do I tell them that God does truly love them and died for them? You can't just say it, you've got to show them, so this has involved trips to court with them, feeding them on and off, talking them out of suicide and trying to show them life can be different, and that they need to lean on Jesus and His strength to help them change.

Success is difficult and often short lived. One daughter was off heroin for two months and one night she and her sister asked Christ into their lives. I thought the battle was near its end but NO. Her friends tried to bash her up because she was straight, so she caved in and is using heroin again. (I've lost contact with her.)

It is truly difficult loving the poor, you seem to get them out of one spot of trouble and Satan brings along another, many say they want to change but don't really want to, it's too hard and costs too much for them. Yet the promise of Isaiah and Luke 4:18–19 rings in my ears:

> *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me*
> *because He has anointed me*
> *to preach good news to the poor.*
> *He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners*
> *and recovery of sight for the blind to release the*
> *oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's*
> *favour."*

This promise coupled with the following vision helped me hang in there when times are tough.

For the three years I've been commissioned as an evangelist, I had always struggled with feeling like one, I was no Billy Graham or Peter where 3,000 people became Christians in one hit, so in desperation I poured out my heart to God, over this matter, oh dear, he answered! He took me in Spirit to the gates of Heaven, the time was the Day of Judgement, I stood looking at a sea of faces, full of horror and the gnashing of teeth, as they realised that the

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

MR HENRY JESUADIAN— OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The Church Army Executive Board has taken another new initiative in approving the appointment of Mr Henry JESUADIAN to this newly created position. Henry started work on 24th July and has already brought his business acumen to bear on running the Headquarters. He is married to Laura and they have two teenagers, Roy and Lisa.

Henry comes to us from a wide field of experience in the business world. His last employer was Scripture Union, N.S.W. where he was the Assistant Accountant and prior to that, he was employed by B.P. Australia in marketing, accounting, and financial control areas. All of these areas have involved hands on development of computer systems to manage accounting techniques.

Henry and his family are members of the Anglican Church at Campsie since coming to Australia in 1973 and he has a strong commitment to the GIDEONS.

Born in Iran where Henry's education began, his family moved to Bangalore in India and eventually he obtained a B.A. from Kartnataka University in Dharwar with a major in Psychology.

Henry is a person deeply committed to Christ and has a strong sense of his place in the Anglican Church. He looks forward to the time when, having organised the Headquarters Administration, he can meet more people on behalf of Church Army, to present our calling to the work of Evangelism.

MRS ANNE DEANE

Anne is one of two Secretaries at the Church Army of College of Evangelism who assists with typing, booking and forwarding Video Training Programmes, etc. When time permits, Anne assists as a Counsellor at St. Andrew's Cathedral Healing Ministry.

Anne's husband, Andrew, is in Business Insurance and Co-ordinator of Fizitsu Australia Ltd., while daughter Fiona works with the Commonwealth Bank and Sarah is studying Science at Sydney University.

TIMOTHY LLOYD GWILT

To many casual observers, Tim Gwilt was an extremely handicapped young man, not capable of very much.

To those who had the privilege of knowing him, Tim was a mighty Christian, a keen learner and participant in many things, and had a tremendous ministry (well beyond his years) to many people.

Tim was born on the 27th December, 1964, fourth son of the Rev. Dick and Mrs Betty Gwilt (formerly Captain Gwilt, Federal Director of the Church Army in Australia). Tim's life was a miracle in itself. His physical condition was diagnosed fairly early, and doctors predicted that he would not live past two years, then three or four years.

Many of you would have known Tim or known of him, and no doubt have prayed for him over the years. You will be sorry to learn that Tim died in the early hours of Friday, 14th July.

Many people's lives were touched by him, in life and in death some members of his family committed their lives to Christ a couple of days after Tim's passing.

Through the great generosity of a dear Christian lady, Captain Brian Mattinson and I were able to fly to Perth to be present and take part in the Service of Thanksgiving for Tim. The huge crowd present at St. Andrew's Church, Riverton (18th July), was a tribute in itself to a young man who did not allow his physical conditions to keep him from serving his Lord and Master to the full.

Mrs Pat Quayle.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE AN EVANGELIST?

As I prayerfully write this article, I am conscious that many of you who read it are already evangelists, some in a public way, some in the privacy of your own personal witness to your family and friends. Australia and the Anglican Church desperately need evangelists of both kinds.

Christianity is for sharing.

What is happening in your life?

Are you at the stage of feeling that there is a new direction for you to take as a Christian?

Does your life sound like any of the following?—

- Our children are independent and we are able to ask God what He wants us to do now?
- I have taken early retirement and would like to do something for God with my life?
- We have been through a number of tragedies in our family and would like to be of use to God in sharing what His presence has meant to us?
- I am a qualified person but is this all there is to life?
- What is my real purpose for being on this planet at this time in history?
- Is there any way I can use the abilities I have in full-time service for God?
- Why do people always want to talk religion with me? Is there something God is calling me to do for Him?
- Why are others always suggesting that I should be doing something full-time for God?

IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE AN EVANGELIST IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA? BEFORE READING ANY FURTHER, YOU SHOULD TAKE A MOMENT OR TWO AND PRAY ABOUT THIS QUESTION.

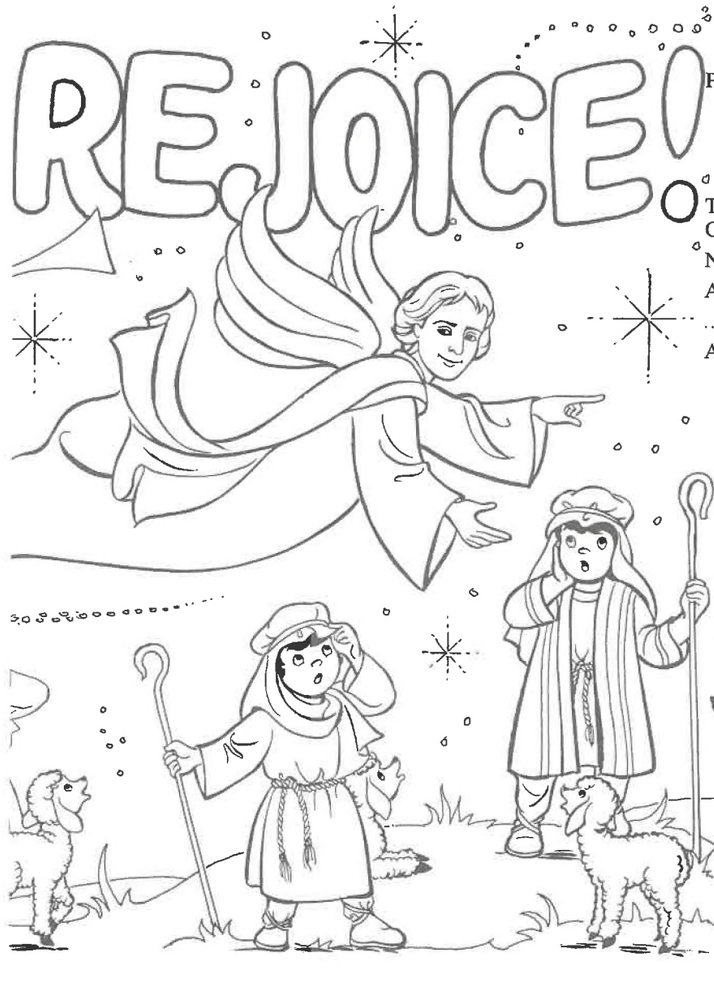
Maybe you have no clear answer yet so perhaps you should consider such texts as "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." [Matt. 9:37-38].

An Evangelist is primarily used by God and because God in His goodness has equipped His world with technology and communication skills so too His Church, in honouring His goodness; can use these gifts to His glory in Evangelism.

It is therefore of great benefit for you to test your call and to seek to be equipped for the task God is calling you to do by learning new skills.

You can call us at anytime to discuss God's call upon your life. You can call in and see us at any time.

Why not pray about it now and focus on the question: "IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE AN EVANGELIST IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA?"



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EVANGELISTS???!!!

Message

FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

People all over the world are being upset by EVANGELISTS.

The example of the Television Evangelists like Jimmy BAKKER and Jimmy SWAGGART has reminded me of Humpty Dumpty, i.e. all the king's horses and all the king's men have not been able to put them together again.

One of the reasons for this public ridicule of evangelists is because people have been encouraged to focus on the personality of the people involved and the methods used. Yes, it is true that any time a person or their methods are unethical, they should be questioned and if necessary, denounced.

Evangelism is an activity that goes on in spite of the personalities, the method, and the hype. Evangelism goes on in individuals' hearts—it is an activity of God however, God often uses human beings to start that activity in another person.

Let me ask you two simple questions: "Have you been challenged to consider seriously that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, a historical person, died for you and that you are called by God to respond to that?" and "Do you know that the only way for you to have God's forgiveness for the mistakes in your life is through repentance and trust in Jesus' death?"

The Reverend Murray Harris

If you have been challenged to consider these two questions for yourself personally then, my friend, you have been evangelised. God is now doing His work in you.

W.M.H.

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